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Senator Jerry W. Stevenson, Senate Chair
Representative Bradley G. Last, House Chair
Executive Appropriations Committee
Utah State Legislature
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Senator Stevenson and Representative Last,

As required by JR3-2-501 as amended in HJR 18, 2019 General Session, the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee is pleased to present our plan for creating an accountable budget process for approximately 20 percent of the budgets that fall within the subcommittee's responsibilities each year, ensuring that each of the budgets is the subject of an accountable budget process at least once every five years.

Five-Year Plan: We considered the criminal justice system, executive offices, public safety and other programs within our subcommittee and separated them into five broad categories and plan to cover each category and related programs in a given year. Here is our planned schedule:

EOCJ Subcommittee Category	Interim year	Estimated # of Programs
Adjudication	2019	29
Administration/Research	2020	26
Law Enforcement (Pre-Adjudication)	2021	31
Incarceration (Post-Adjudication)	2022	15
Non-Criminal Justice/Public Safety/Exec. Offices	2023	35

The criminal justice system and related entities make up the largest part of the budgets within the subcommittee: Courts, Department of Corrections, Board of Pardons, Attorney General, Division of Juvenile Justice Services, etc. We divided these into three main categories (1) Law Enforcement, (2) Adjudication, and (3) Incarceration. Because these agencies are largely interconnected, it is logical to group similar programs within the criminal justice system to better evaluate them in a consistent way and at the same time.

The remaining categories, (4) Administration/Research and (5) Non-Criminal Justice/Public Safety/Exec. Offices, comprise the administrative/research/process programs (training, CCJJ, etc.) and non-criminal justice programs (firefighter training, emergency management, etc.) within all of the assigned entities to our subcommittee.

By organizing the budget evaluation in this manner, we expect that there will be a variety of agencies evaluated within a given year and that no single agency will be focused on, rather the focus will be on individual programs regardless of the agency.

2019 Interim Plan: Given our allotted three meetings for the 2019 interim, our general approach is as follows for these meetings:

1. June Meeting: We plan to give an overview of the five-year plan and the immediate plan. For the immediate plan we plan to review relevant programs within the Adjudication category (District Courts, Indigent Defense, Board of Pardons and Parole, etc.) that we will focus on in this interim and potential action by the conclusion of our last interim meeting in October. This may include direction by the subcommittee to focus on specific areas within this category for staff to evaluate.
2. August Meeting: Upon staff evaluation and other entity information, the subcommittee will consider issues, anomalies, and any other items that may merit changes/action.
3. October Meeting: We expect to further discuss and deliberate any outstanding issues, anomalies and take relevant action to address issues and vote on an appropriations bill reflecting this 20% of the total subcommittee budget.

2020 - 2023 Interim Plan: Assuming we have a similar interim schedule in 2020-2023, we plan to follow the same pattern for the individual meetings for each subcommittee category and respective year described above.

Sincerely,

Chairs of the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee.

Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg, Co-Chair

Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair

Rep. Joel Ferry, House Vice Chair